

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE KING

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 281 I inadvertently voted "yes" when I intended to vote "no." I support the underlying sugar program contained in the Farm Bill (H.R. 1947) and should have voted "no."

WELCOME, BABY NOAH ISAAC DELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to congratulate former Chief of Staff of the Second District of South Carolina Eric Dell and his wife Torry Lyons Dell, upon the birth of their son. Noah Isaac Dell was brought into the world at 7:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Virginia, weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 20½ inches long. Noah is the first child for the happy couple and I look forward to watching him grow as he is raised by two tremendous parents who will be dedicated to his well-being and bright future.

I would also like to congratulate Noah's grandparents, Ouida Dell of Ridgeland, South Carolina, and Joseph and Mary Lyons, of Aiken, South Carolina. Congratulations to the entire Dell and Lyons families as they welcome their newest edition of pure pride and joy.

I am grateful for Eric Dell's service in the Washington office and also with my service in the State Senate of South Carolina.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INVESTITURE OF PRESIDING JUDGE
HERBERT E. PHIPPS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations to a great friend and servant of humankind, Presiding Judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia, Herbert E. Phipps. Judge Phipps will be recognized for his distinguished service and become formally invested as the 28th Chief Judge of the Court on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 11 a.m. at the State Judicial Building in Atlanta, Georgia.

Judge Phipps was born in Baker County, Georgia to J.W. Phipps and Marion Gadson Phipps. Attending elementary and secondary school in Baker County and graduating from Morehouse College in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Judge Phipps traveled extensively in Europe and Asia and taught English at Thammasat University and private schools in Bangkok, Thailand. In 1971, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law

and in 2004, he was awarded a Master of Laws in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law.

In 1971, Judge Phipps returned to Albany, Georgia to practice law with famed civil rights attorney C.B. King, focusing on civil rights litigation and pursuing equal opportunity and justice for those who had been wronged on the basis of discrimination. Attorney C.B. King, for whom the Federal Courthouse in Albany is named, was not only a mentor to Judge Phipps and to me, but to countless other civil rights attorneys across the Nation. A successful attorney, strong civil rights leader, and one of the first African Americans to run for Governor of the State of Georgia, Attorney King paved the way for other African Americans such as Judge Phipps and me to serve in the elected positions we hold today. He was a bridge builder and the fruits of his labor are still seen all across our State and Nation.

Following his time with Attorney King, Judge Phipps practiced law on his own and was appointed part-time Magistrate and Associate Judge of the Dougherty County State Court in 1980. In 1995, he was appointed Judge of the Dougherty County Superior Court by Governor Zell Miller, becoming the first African-American Superior Court judge in the Dougherty Judicial Circuit, and in 1999, Governor Roy Barnes appointed him to the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Since being appointed to the Court of Appeals, Judge Phipps has been reelected statewide for three consecutive six-year terms. In April 2010, Judge Phipps became Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals and today he will assume the position of Chief Judge.

Judge Phipps' diligent work in the community has reflected his commitment to volunteer service. In conjunction with his professional accomplishments, Judge Phipps has served on a number of boards and commissions, has been involved with many legal and professional organizations, and has received many awards for his service. He also lives a life of faith and is a longtime member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Albany.

None of Judge Phipps' momentous accomplishments would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife Connie, children Herbert and India, son-in-law Will J. Epps and granddaughter Zoë Olivia Epps.

A true Georgian devoted to serving his great State, Judge Phipps embodies Georgia's state motto, "Wisdom, Justice and Moderation." I know that Judge Phipps will continue to serve our state with great honor and distinction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Judge Herbert E. Phipps for his outstanding professional achievements and dedicated service to the people of the State of Georgia as he assumes the prestigious title of Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of Georgia.

HONORING AN OUTSTANDING
WOMAN IN OUR COMMUNITY:
MICHELE IANNELLO-WARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of Michele Iannello-Ward, an out-

standing woman in our community who has had an incredibly successful career leading and taking part in many organizations for the betterment of the Western New York region.

Michele grew up in Tonawanda and graduated from Kenmore West Senior High School. She then went on to achieve great success academically as she completed her undergraduate degree, became a Certified Paralegal and a graduate of the New York State Association of Counties—Dennis Pelletier Institute.

She has dedicated many years of service to the community where she started as a two-year Trustee in the Village of Kenmore. She was then elected to the Erie County Legislator in 2006 where she had many accomplishments over her two terms.

As Legislator, Michele chaired the Community Enrichment Committee and the Green Actions Community Committee and was also a member of both the Energy and Environment and Public Safety Committees. She has made an unmatched commitment to the public and created the first and only community wide focus group with citizens, business owners and non-profit activist to assist individuals or groups with their needs within her district.

Michele was also the first elected official to support the efforts of the Clean Air Coalition where she worked hand-in-hand with the founder against Tonawanda Coke that eventually led to a successful guilty verdict.

Michele is also an active member in a number of many other organizations where her leadership has undoubtedly left a positive and long-standing impression on anyone involved. She is a member of NYS Women Inc., the Kenmore Village Improvement Society and the Romulus Women's Club. As part of the Romulus Women's Club, Michele has even chaired two major charity events to help raise money for cancer research and Loaves and Fishes.

A strong proponent and advocate of women's rights, Michele was honored by the YWCA of the Tonawandas with the Marybeth Lawton Leadership Award in 2009.

There is no doubting how lucky our community has been to have her, and how appreciative we remain that she still has an influence through her work as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister of the St. John the Baptist Church in Kenmore.

It is with great pride that I stand today to recognize the achievements of Michele Iannello-Ward, an incredibly dedicated and outstanding woman in our community.

IN HONOR OF EDWIN FALTER

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Mr. Edwin Falter. Mr. Falter is a man who has dedicated 33 years of his life to public service.

Mr. Falter's career encompasses more than three decades of work as an engineer. He began working in the Philadelphia Naval Yard on June 9th, 1980. During his time there, he worked on power generation and electrical power equipment. In 1991, Mr. Falter began working at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in Moorestown, NJ. He